Prabhakaran and Pottu Amman. The offences mentioned in the Warrants of Arrest and Proclamations include murder, attempt to murder, criminal conspiracy, punishment for terrorist act, punishment for disruptive act etc. under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Terrorist and disruptive Activities (TADA) Act 1987 and under the Indian Explosive Sunstances Act. The Proclamations of the Court stated that the two accused were required to appear before the Designated Court on or before 28 February, 1992. Following the Court's directive, Government caused, with the concurrence of the Sri Lanka Government, the publication of the order in Sri Lankan dailies on 10 February, 1992. The Court's deadline having passed without the accused appearing before the Designated Court, further legal action for the arrest of the accused is being pursued.

International convention on climatic changes

@@4404. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India attended the final round of discussions for the international convention on climatic changes which ended in New York on 28th February;

(b) if so, whether the developed North is not willing to either make specific commitments on their cutting down emission of greenhouse gases or even consider about funding or technology transfer;

(c) the reasons for the chasm between the North and South;

(d) the impact of hardening stances on the Brazil Conference slated for June; and

(e) India's proposed stand at the Brazil Conference and its reaction to the Brazilian Foreign Minister's request made during his recent visit to Delhi to take a softer line so that the Brazil Conference does not collapse?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most developed countries have not yet accepted any specific commitments on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, though many of them are agreeable to accept a ceiling on such emissions. Modalities of funding and technology transfer are still under discussion.

(c) The South has been urging that the developed countries should accept the main responsibility for combating environmental pollution because they have contributed most to the present situation. The South is also seeking adequate, new and additional funding and transfer of technology to enable it to adopt measures for protection of the environment, without detriment to development. The response of the North has not been adequate, though it should be noted that there are important differences among the developed countries themselves.

(d) and (e) The Government hopes that, during the time between now and the Brazil Conference in June, the differences would be narrowed down and a consensus would be reached. India seeks to facilitate a consensus on the basis of equity.

Bilateral relations with Kazhakistan

4405. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's representatives had any discussions with the visiting President of Kazhakistan about that countries attitude to Pakistan and its nuclear programme; and

(b) if so, whether the Kazhak President gave any assurance that Pakistan will not be able to get any help from Kazhakistan in regard to it's nuclear weapon's programme and any supply from the Kazhak nuclear weapons arsenal; if so, the main points?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) In the Indo-Kazakh Declaration on the basic Principles and Directions of Inter-governmental Relations signed on 22.2.92 by our PM and the President of Kazhakistan, both sides expressed their commitment to

@@Previously Unstarred Question 3499, transferred from 25th March, 1992.

achieving a nuclear weapon free and non-violent world.

(b) The Agreement on Nuclear Arms signed by the Heads of States of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazhakistan on 21st December, 1991 in Alma Ata specifically states that the Parties to the Agreement "undertake not to transfer to anyone nuclear weapons or other triggering device either directly or indirectly as well as not in any way to help, encourage and prompt any State not possessing nuclear weapons to produce nuclear weapons or other nuclear triggering devices and also control over such weapons or triggering devices".

News item regarding Mountbatten's views during partition

@4405-A. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem under the caption 'Mountbatten did not show any favour to India in Partition' appearing in "The Business and Political Observer", New Delhi dated the 27th February, 1992;

(b) if so, details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to countenance this situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item related to a claim by Mr. Christopher Beaumont Secretary to the late Sir Cyril Redcliffe that the award of Ferozepur and Zira sub-districts to India in the partition was done under pressure from Mountbatten.

(c) Our mission in London has explained the correct facts regarding the Redcliffe Award to those who have raised this controversy and to influential opinion-makers in UK.

Capability of Pakistan to produce nuclear bomb

£4405-B. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan had recently admitted in an interview to Washington Post that his country is capable of making nuclear bomb;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review its stand on making nuclear bomb in view of the anticipated threat to our defence; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Security situation of India remains constantly under review, particularly in the light of developments in the neighbourhood. The Government of India will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Modernisation of Pakistan with Chinese help

ff4405-C. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports about modernisation by Pakistan with Chinese help of fifty Mirage-3 aircrafts, in violation of its pledge at the time of their purchase from Australia that their parts would be taken out and used for their aircrafts;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction therefor; and

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Australian Government, if so, what is their response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) While Government have seen press reports on this subject, there is no confirmation available to this effect.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

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£Previously Unstarred Question 3871, transferred from 26th March, 1992.
ffPreviously Unstarred Question 3872, transferred from 26th March, 1992.